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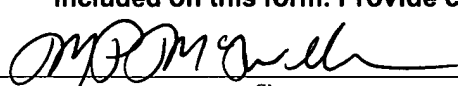
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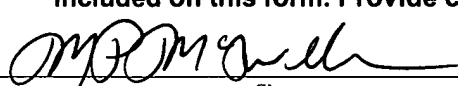
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on October 19, 2004 in the subject application, Applicants respectfully submit the following remarks.

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.